

## Department of Diné Education Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance

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### **Public Service Announcement**

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# ONNSFA 2017-2018 Academic Year Online Application Cycle Opens

The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance's online application for the 2017-2018 academic year is now open at www.onnsfa.org and will close on June 26. Online applications submitted prior to the June 26 deadline cover the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters or Fall, Winter and Spring quarters. Documents submitted to ONNSFA will be posted to student accounts within two to three business days.

#### To apply:

- Go to www.onnsfa.org
- Click on "I want to apply online!"
- Choose either the Full-Time or Part-Time Application.
   Note: Ensure all entries are accurate and submit the application ONCE to avoid filing multiple applications. Submitting inaccurate information or multiple online applications will delay processing time.

#### **Required documents:**

#### Application

A completed application for the 2017-2018 academic year must be submitted.

#### • Certificate of Indian Blood

New applicants must either mail or hand carry an official Certificate of Indian Blood verifying Navajo enrollment to an agency office. Continuing applicants are not required to submit another official CIB if there is already one on file unless there is a legal name change.

#### Official Transcripts

Sealed and unopened official high school transcripts, GED scores and official transcripts of all colleges attended must be mailed or hand-carried to an agency office.

#### Financial Needs Analysis

All students are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit the Financial Need Analysis to the institution's financial aid office. The institution will complete the document based upon information provided on the FAFSA and return it directly to the ONNSFA. The FNA may be accessed here: http://www.onnsfa.org/Portals/0/docs/FNA%20Form.pdf

#### Letter of Admission

A Letter of Admission or Re-Admission from the institution the applicant will attend is required. The institution must be accredited by one of six regional accrediting associations recognized by ONNSFA. (A list may be found on page 5 of ONNSFA's Policies and Procedures.)

http://www.onnsfa.org/Portals/0/docs/ONNSFA%20Policies%20and%20Procedures.pdf

Graduate applicants must submit two letters of indicating full admission status including one from the graduate college and another from the graduate degree program. A document verifying a student's enrollment is required from students who have already submitted a Letter of Admission but have not been funded for at least one term.

#### Graduation Degree Checklist

All college juniors, seniors and graduate applicants must submit a list of all courses required to complete the degree being pursued. The checklist must include an "expected" graduation date and have an advisor's signature.

#### • Class Schedule

Applicants may upload the following documents in .pdf format to their student account: Letter of admission, graduation degree checklist and class schedule. All others must be mailed or hand-carried to an agency office.

#### To create a student account:

- Go to www.onnsfa.org
- Click on "Create an account"
- Set up an account with a desired user name and password.
   (New Applicants: Wait 1 to 2 business days after submitting an online application to create a student account.)

#### To check your application status:

- Go to www.onnsfa.org
- Click on "Check my document status"
- Access your student account for a list of documents received/outstanding and retrieve award or denial notices when ONNSFA counselors render a decision on your application.

#### For information contact your agency office:

Chinle Agency Office 1-800-919-9269

Crownpoint Agency Office 1-866-254-9913

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Shiprock Agency Office 1-866-223-6457

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